

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

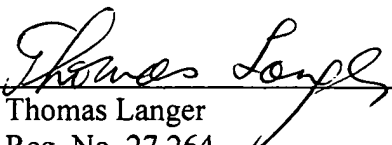
It is acknowledged with appreciation that claims 1-23, 25 and 26 have been allowed. Only claim 24 among all the pending claims has been rejected. Claim 24 has been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Examiner points out that "claim 24 teaches the maximum amount of Ba is 30 mol %". On the other hand, the Examiner points out that pages 2 and 7 teach that "the maximum amount of Ba in M is 10 mol %." The Examiner requires that this discrepancy needs to be corrected.

Accordingly, pages 2 and 7 of the specification have been corrected to specify that the maximum amount of Ba is 30 mol %. This does not constitute the introduction of new matter because originally-filed claim 3 specifies this feature in reciting that "a proportion of M, in particular up to 30 mol %, is replaced by Ba". As is well established, the originally-filed claims constitute a portion of the specification. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is appropriate.

Based on all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action to this effect is respectfully solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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